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Notes From Your SOLIS Officers

SOLIS President Jennifer Putnam has attended monthly MLIS faculty meetings via phone calls since September 2017. Your Vice President Jessica Perlove has been able to attend monthly MLIS curriculum committee meetings via phone calls too. The following are their reports.

From your SOLIS President...

I am happy to report that SOLIS is having a very busy and very successful year. In fall 2017, our Communications Officer, Amanda Roper, led our efforts in fundraising for *Liberation Library* around the holidays. *Liberation Library* is a program that provides donated books to youth in Illinois prisons. You can find more information on their website, <http://www.liberationlib.com/>. Our initiative gained a lot of publicity, being featured on several listservs and even on the VSU news page (<https://www.valdosta.edu/about/news/releases/2017/12/vsu-student-organization-hosts-fundraiser-for-incarcerated-youth.php>). In total, we raised \$310.

During intercession, several SOLIS members served as peer-mentors to the incoming MLIS spring 2018 students. This question-and-answer format occurred through a discussion board in BlazeVIEW, in which new students could post any questions they had and SOLIS members answered. This discussion was very constructive, and SOLIS members hope to continue this peer-mentoring in future online orientations.

There are two initiatives SOLIS is focusing on this spring. One is expanding our LinkedIn account to current students and alumni. The second initiative is increasing our MLIS t-shirt sales. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities on these from our Communications Officer, Amanda Roper, and our Vice President, Jessica Perlove. I also urge you to consider joining the American Library Association. ALA offers library students a joint membership to ALA and their state chapter at a reduced rate. Participating in professional associations not only increases your visibility and networking opportunities, but also allows you to join conversations you feel most passionate about. See <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/joint-membership-program> for more information.

From your SOLIS Vice President...

As the Vice President of SOLIS, I have had the pleasure of sitting in on a few Curriculum Development meetings. I have enjoyed listening to the thought process that faculty members employ to consider our curriculum. It has been helpful to hear that our curriculum is the result of requirements, experience, and careful deliberation.

The October 2017 meeting featured Dr. Ondrusek and Miss Suddeth reporting the findings from the management track review and making recommendations. The Curriculum Committee moved to approve the recommendations that included five courses, with Human Resources Management and Leadership in Libraries and Information Centers being two required electives. It was also recommended that the following competencies be emphasized more: professionalism, conflict resolution, advocacy, and public speaking.

In the January 2018 meeting Dr. Yang and Dr. Alemanne presented to the committee their three-phase review plan for MLIS 7700 Research Methods. Phase I involves a review of the syllabi of other institutions, with competencies being collected from ALA and its sub-organizations. Phase II involves sending surveys to VSU MLIS faculty and students who completed MLIS 7700. Phase III features the forming of an advisory committee to provide input. The projected completion time for this work is May 2019.

I have appreciated this opportunity to serve SOLIS in this capacity, and I recommend taking advantage of this type of opportunity, to others, should it present itself. It was important to see how curricula are developed.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at jnperlove@valdosta.edu or jnperlove@gmail.com.



ALA Registration

Are you planning to attend ALA in New Orleans, LA, June 21-26 this summer? If so, you are eligible for reimbursement for your registration fee through SOLIS.

SOLIS funds two student registrations for full ALA registration which covers any and all conference dates between June 21 and June 26 and all sessions except for pre-conferences and optional ticketed events. Both Georgia residents and out-of-state students are eligible for all SOLIS awards.

Apply by sending an email to Dr. Ren with your receipt for ALA registration attached by **Wednesday, May 2nd**. For more information on the conference, visit the site at <http://2018.alaannual.org/>.

SOLIS Calls for News Items

Please share with us your news about a recently awarded scholarship, a conference presentation, or a paid internship opportunity, or other exciting news of your scholarly and professional achievements.

Please send your news items to solis@valdosta.edu as they happen. Thank you!

SOLIS Financials

SOLIS has an account managed by the VSU Foundation. Our current sources of income are mainly from faculty gifts and T-shirt sales. Faculty gifts brought in \$465 in 2017. T-shirt sales brought in \$ 100.

Our current balance is \$1950.51.

Thanks MLIS faculty members and T-shirt wearers!

GLA 2018 Scholarship Awards

The Georgia Library Association awards two scholarships annually to students pursuing a master's degree in library science. The 2018 Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for the 2018 scholarship awards.

The Hubbard Scholarship, a \$3,000 award, is intended to recruit excellent candidates for librarianship in Georgia and defray some of the costs of their education. The Beard Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500, is targeted for applicants of excellence who show strong potential for leadership in the library profession.

Recipients of both awards must agree to work for at least one year in Georgia following graduation. Applicants need not be residents of Georgia to apply.

The deadline to apply for the 2018 scholarships is **May 25**. Please visit the Georgia Library Association website for details:

<https://gla.georgialibraries.org/resources/scholarships/>.

VSU 2018 Graduate Student Research and Scholarship Symposium

The 2018 VSU 10th Annual Graduate Student Research and Scholarship Symposium will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 4:00-6:00 pm in UC Magnolia Room.

You can still submit your abstract to Dr. Most by **5:30pm on Monday, March 19**.

Each year, MLIS students have presented their research in this event. Ashley D. Lowery presented in the VSU 9th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium in 2017; Ashley Hoffman presented in the VSU 8th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium in 2016.

Volunteer Opportunities from the Medical Library Association

The MLA '18 annual meeting, also its 118th meeting will be held **May 18-23** at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta, GA. Tara Douglas-Williams from the Morehouse School of Medicine Library is the 2018 MLA - Local Arrangements Volunteer Chair. Tara reached out to the VSU MLIS program for help on finding current students and alumni who are interested in providing volunteer assistance for the MLA 2018 Annual Meeting and Exhibition.

The MLA meeting offers a variety of opportunities including attending educational sessions, seeing the latest products in the Exhibit Hall, and networking with colleagues. This is a 4½ day interdisciplinary educational experience, with a 3-day commercial exhibition that attracts over 100 exhibitors from around the world. Meeting highlights include the John P. McGovern Award Lecture, the Janet Doe Lecture, and over 200 peer-reviewed papers, lightning talks, and posters.

Volunteers play an essential role in the execution of the annual meeting in the following areas:

- preparing annual meeting bags - **Thursday, May 17, 2018**
- staffing the member resource/placement services - **Saturday, May 19 – Tuesday, May 22, 2018**
- staffing the Hospitality Booth - **Friday, May 18 – Tuesday, May 22, 2018**
- assisting with dine-around for Public Librarians - **Monday, May 21, 2018**

Non-MLA-members who volunteer receive a complimentary one-day conference only registration for each 4-hour shift.

Please email Tara Douglas-Williams at tdouglas-williams@msm.edu if you are interested in these listed volunteer opportunities. MLA will also be conducting a free 1½ day symposium for Public Librarians during the Atlanta conference. Please see link below and share with your colleagues interested in providing health information programming. <http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=1298&source=5>.

NASIG SOC Calls for Proposals

The NASIG Student Outreach Committee (SOC) invites proposals for the **Great Ideas Showcase** and the **Student Snapshot Sessions** for the 33rd NASIG conference in Atlanta, GA, **June 8 to 11**. The theme of the conference is “Transforming the Information Community.”

The **Great Ideas Showcase** will provide an opportunity to share innovative ideas, new workflows, and new applications of technology in an interactive and informal setting. Great Ideas can be demonstrated in a variety of ways – posters, laptops, tablets, e-readers, etc.

The **Student Snapshot Sessions** will consist of up to eight 5-minute presentations with a focus on an idea, project, workflow, etc. Proposals may present a report of a research study, an analysis of a practical problem-solving effort, or a description of an innovative program that may be of interest to the NASIG community.

Submit your Great Ideas Showcase proposal here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GISPNASIG2018>

Submit your Student Snapshot Session proposal here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StudentSnapshot2018>

Proposals must be received by **5pm EST on Monday, April 16, 2018**. Inquiries can be sent to the NASIG SOC Chair, Danielle Williams at daniellenasig@gmail.com.

Early Registration

- Advising week starts March 26
- Early registration opens on Monday April 2

Registration End Dates

- 11-week courses: May 11
- Summer II: June 8

Semester Dates

- 11-week courses: May 10 - July 27
- Summer II: June 6- July 27
- Fall begins: August 13

Watch for the **Summer & Fall 2018** Advising Bulletin to be posted.



Support the Student Organization of Library and Information Science (SOLIS) by ordering your own T-shirt with the VSU and MLIS insignias!

Proceeds of sales in years past have funded ALA conference registrations for several students, travel reimbursements for SOLIS officers representing SOLIS at GLA conferences, a reception for the travelling rare books exhibit on loan from the Remnant Trust, and a 15th anniversary celebration in downtown Valdosta.

Shirts are sold at \$10 each at events such as GA COMO conferences.

SOLIS T-Shirt Order Form

Yes, I want to support SOLIS! Please send me _____ (number) of shirts.

Please indicate the quantity for each size:

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ XX-Large _____

Order of one (1) shirt is \$20 (includes processing and shipping via USPS).

Order of 2 or more shirts is \$15 per shirt (processing and shipping included)

Total enclosed: _____

Check payment only.

Make check payable to MLIS Foundation . Allow two to four weeks to receive your t-shirt(s).

Your shipping address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail this form with your check to :

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